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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Beverly Hills - Shooting at House Party Kills One, Leaves Three Wounded

(U) A shooting at a Beverly Hills house party early Tuesday morning killed one person and left three others wounded, two critically, according to officials and reports. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) responded to a shooting shortly after 12:45 a.m. at a crowded house party that was reportedly hosted to honor an athlete who had just been drafted to the NFL, according to CBS Los Angeles. The shooting is believed to be gang related. While LAFD previously said there were three total shooting victims, police said an additional person had taken themselves to a local hospital for a gunshot wound, though their condition was not clear.

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, Fox News

(U) San Jose – Armed Suspect in Custody After Standoff at County Jail

(U) Santa Clara County deputies responded to the Main Jail in San Jose for an armed suspect who fired shots early Wednesday morning, the sheriff's office said. The suspect surrendered peacefully and was in custody just after 6 a.m. after more than a three-hour standoff. The jail was placed on lockdown, and the male suspect was isolated to a squad car in the basement parking lot of the building, sheriff's officials said. No injuries were reported.

SOURCE: 5 August 2020, NBC Bay Area

(U) Santa Maria – Three Santa Maria Gang Members Arrested in Lompoc on Gun, Drug Charges

(U) Three Santa Maria gang members were arrested in Lompoc last Friday on suspicion of multiple drug and gun offenses. Arturo Tovar Alvarez, 23, Kevin Nunez Escamilla, 19, and Joel Angel Jesus Rivera, 18, were taken into custody following a traffic stop. Officers reported stopping the vehicle carrying the three men after it was deemed suspicious. After searching the vehicle, officers reported finding a concealed loaded .40 caliber handgun with a destroyed serial number and an illegal large-capacity loaded magazine. Further, Alvarez and Escamilla were found to be in possession of methamphetamine totaling more than 13-grams, according to police.

SOURCE: 3 August 2020, Santa Maria Times

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – CISA, DOD, FBI Expose New Versions of Chinese Malware Strain

(U) Washington – The Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Department of Defense's Cyber Command (CyberCom), and the FBI published a joint alert notifying US private entities about new versions of Taidoor, a malware family previously associated with Chinese state-sponsored hackers. The three agencies say this malware has been used since 2008. In their most recent alert, CISA, DOD, and FBI say they've spotted Taidoor being used in new attacks. The new Taidoor samples have versions for 32- and 64-bit systems and are usually installed on a victim's systems as a service dynamic link library (DLL).

SOURCE: 3 August 2020, ZD Net

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(U) Kansas - Police Officer and One Other Injured in Ambush

(U) Kansas City – Two people, including a police officer, were hurt in an ambush shooting in Kansas City as officers sought to arrest a person in an earlier shooting, police said. The incident began Monday evening with reports of a shooting on Farrow Avenue, where officers found a person injured. During the investigation of that shooting, police were sent to a home where a person of interest was reported to be. Police arrested one person at the home. As officers were leaving the home, they came under gunfire from a nearby tree line, police said. One resident of the home was shot, and police said an officer was injured, but did not say whether that injury consisted of a gunshot. Neither the resident nor the officer's injuries were believed to be life-threatening.

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, AP

(U) New Jersey - Nearly 2.7 Million People Without Power Along East Coast

(U) Trenton – As Tropical Storm Isaias continues to bear down along the East Coast, there are nearly 2.7 million customers from North Carolina to Connecticut without power, according to media reports. New Jersey alone has more than one-million people without power. Isaias is currently "racing north-northeastward across Eastern Pennsylvania into Southeastern New York," according to the National Hurricane Center's latest forecast advisory. Strong winds, heavy rain and possible tornados are expected into New England.

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, CNN

(U) Oregon – Portland Juvenile Arrested After Pointing Gun at Crowd

(U) Portland – A 15-year-old boy was arrested in Portland after he allegedly pointed a realistic-looking replica of a gun at a crowd late Monday night, just over a block from the federal courthouse where protesters have gathered for several weeks. The teen, whose name was not released, was spotted around 10 p.m. Monday "pointing a handgun at people." Police later determined that the gun recovered from the 15-year-old was a replica. He was also allegedly found to be in possession of a knife and metal knuckles. The teen was released to his parents after the arrest. A prosecutor will determine his charges. SOURCE: 4 August 2020, Fox

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Albania Extradites Suspected ISIS Member to Germany

(U) Frankfurt – Albania extradited a Tajik man to Germany after he was accused of being part of an Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) cell that allegedly planned to attack US military bases in Germany. The suspect was arrested in Albania on 29 April and was in extradition custody there until his transfer. The suspect was detained immediately and taken into custody after arriving at Frankfurt airport on Monday. Prosecutors said the suspect joined ISIS in January 2019 before creating a cell in Germany at the behest of the group's leaders in Syria and Afghanistan.

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, DW

(U) Lebanon – Massive Blast Kills Causes Thousands of Casualties

(U) Beirut – A huge explosion in a port warehouse district near the center of Beirut killed more than 100 people, injured nearly 4,000 others and sent shockwaves across the Lebanese capital on Tuesday, shattering windows and causing apartment balconies to collapse. A security source said victims were being taken for treatment outside the city because Beirut hospitals were already inundated. Lebanon's interior minister said initial information indicated highly explosive material, seized years ago, that had been stored at the port had blown up. President Michel Aoun said that 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate, used in fertilizers and bombs, had been stored for six years at the port without safety measures, and he said that was "unacceptable."

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, Reuters

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(U) United Arab Emirates – California Man Abducted by Iran in Dubai

(U) Dubai – A California-based member of an Iranian militant opposition group in exile was abducted by Iran while staying in Dubai, his family said Tuesday. The suspected cross-border abduction of Jamshid Sharmahd appears corroborated by mobile phone location data that suggests he was taken to neighboring Oman before heading to Iran. Iran accuses Sharmahd, 65, of Glendora, California of planning a 2008 attack on a mosque that killed 14 people and wounded over 200 others, as well as plotting other assaults through the little-known Kingdom Assembly of Iran and its Tondar militant wing. His family, however, insists Sharmahd only served as a spokesman for the group and had nothing to do with any attacks in Iran.

SOURCE: 4 August 2020, AP

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